



GPCA and the FQHC System in Georgia

GPCA

The Georgia Primary Care Association (GPCA) is a member service organization representing the Federally Qualified Health Centers in Georgia thru the provision of training, technical assistance and the development and implementation of strategies to expand and strengthen the FQHC system. Additionally, GPCA is involved in the development and implementation of additional programs and services that will enhance the FQHC health care delivery system.

What are FQHCs?

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or Community Health Centers (CHCs) are organizations receiving grants under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, certain tribal organizations, and FQHC Look-Alikes. CHCs are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers serving low-income and medically underserved communities.

- **FQHCs are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers** serving low income and medically underserved communities.
- **FQHCs are cost effective**, reducing costly avoidable emergency, hospital and specialty care. Across America, FQHCs save the health care system \$35 billion a year.
- **FQHCs are open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Charges for services are on a sliding fee scale based on patient or family income.
- **FQHCs began through the efforts of community health and civil rights activists** working in low-income communities during the 1960s.
- For the past 50 years, the national network of over **1,250 FQHCs** have **provided high quality, affordable primary care and preventive services**, and often provide on-site dental, pharmaceutical, mental health and substance abuse services.

The FQHC System in Georgia Today

Georgia currently has **34 FQHCs operating across 120 counties with 225 delivery sites**, along with plans to expand to additional underserved communities across the state. *This represents a growth of 100% in the number of organizations and 150% in the number of clinic sites over the past 15 years.*

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Our History

The Georgia Primary Care Association (GPCA) is a member service organization representing the Federally Qualified Health Centers in Georgia. GPCA was founded in 1977 and is a statewide organization located in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. GPCA is quite familiar and knowledgeable about the relevant rules and regulations governing FQHC - Section 330 organizations.

GPCA is very active in the development of various operational models for FQHC organizations. GPCA provides direction and leadership for required community development activities that are related to both the development of new start FQHC organizations and operations of existing FQHC organizations.

Our Growth

2000

17 Health Center Organizations

75 Clinic Sites

2019

34 Health Center Organizations

225 Clinic Sites

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	405,030	457,644	494,464	578,445
Patients				

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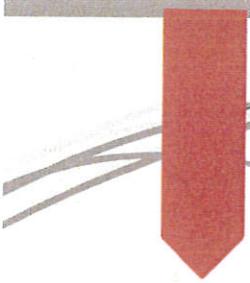
Focus Area I: Strengthening CHC Operations

Goal 1 - Patient Receiving Care

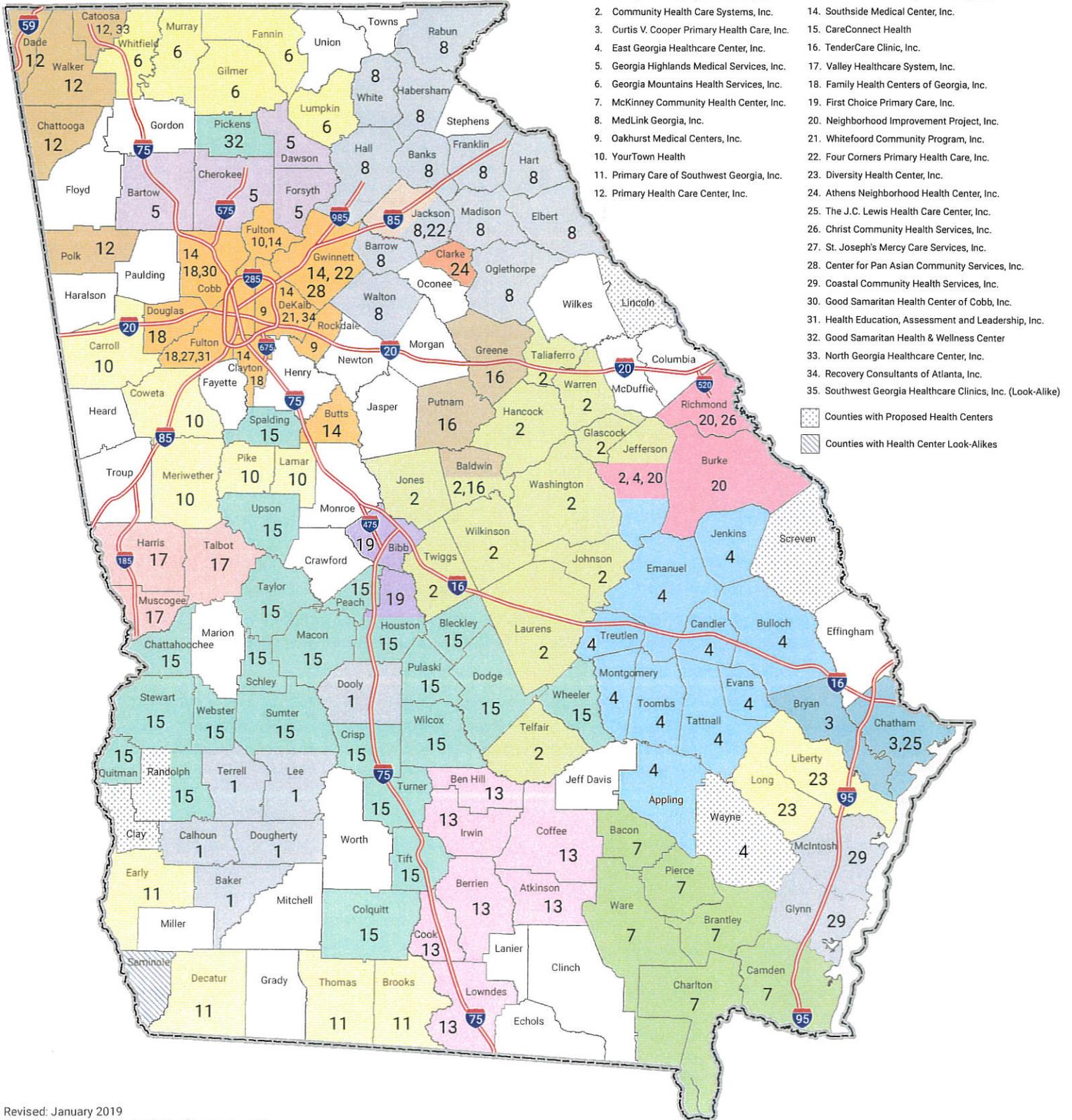
- ▶ Migrant Health Improvement Program
- ▶ New Access Points
- ▶ School-Based Programs
- ▶ Telehealth Services

Goal 2 - Increase number of FQHCs with Comprehensive Services

- ▶ Behavioral Health Integration
- ▶ Oral Health (DentaQuest, NNOHA, National Oral Health Innovation Integration Network)
- ▶ Integration of Title X Family Planning Services



Counties Served by Community Health Centers



School Based Health Centers in Georgia - 2019

Health Center	Location Type	County
1. Dooly School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dooly
2. Alice Coachman Elementary School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dougherty
3. Live Oak Elementary School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dougherty
4. Robert Harvey Elementary School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dougherty
5. Albany Middle School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dougherty
6. Turner Elementary School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Dougherty
7. CareConnect School Clinic	Seasonal	Chattahoochee
8. Ingram Pye Health Center	Permanent	Bibb
9. Crisp School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Crisp
10. Toomer Elementary School	Mobile Van	DeKalb
11. HEAL @ Hollis Innovation Academy	Seasonal	Fulton
12. Martin Luther King Middle School	Seasonal	Fulton
13. Miles Elementary School	Permanent	Fulton
14. The Family Health Center at College Park School-Based	Permanent	Fulton
15. Mobile Medical and Dental Unit	Mobile Van	Fulton
16. The Family Health Center at North Clayton High School	Permanent	Clayton
17. WHITEFOORD ELEM SCHL HLTH CLINIC	Permanent	DeKalb
18. The Family Health Center at Lake Forest	Permanent	Fulton
19. CareConnect School Clinic	Seasonal	Turner
20. Primary Care of Southwest Georgia . - TCMS	Permanent	Thomas
21. Community Health Care Systems, Inc. Johnson Schools	Seasonal	Johnson
22. The Family Health Center at Douglas Schools	Permanent	Douglas
23. Tiger Creek Elementary SBHC	Permanent	Catoosa
24. School Based Health Center - Chatsworth Elementary School	Seasonal	Murray
25. School Based Dental Mobile Unit	Mobile Van	Walker
26. Gilbert Elementary SBHC	Permanent	Walker

27. CareConnect School Clinic	Seasonal	Taylor
28. CareConnect School Clinic	Seasonal	Taylor
29. CareConnect Clinic	Seasonal	Randolph
30. Terrell School-Based Health Center	Seasonal	Terrell
31. Taliaferro County Clinic (Crawfordville) - Clinic is on school grounds and open to both students and adults and open all year.		